GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1682
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RAIL-CUM-ROAD OVER BRIDGE ACROSS BRAHMAPUTRA
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation to restore the original design of the projected 4.35 kilometers long rail-cum-road bridge across Brahmaputra;

(b) if so, the original design of the projected bridge and the variations made therein under the revised project along with the cost variation; and

(c) the response of the Government to this demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the final location survey report and preliminary design, the Bridge was proposed with two lanes of road traffic with double line rail track. However, in view of the light rail traffic, it was proposed to provide single rail track. As per rough assessment, the cost of single line rail bridge would have been about 15-20% less in comparison to double line.

(c) Based on demands, it has now been decided to go in for double line rail track as originally proposed.